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Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of Inventor(s):

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For: **Method and Apparatus in a Data Processing System For The Issuance And Delivery Of Lightweight Requests To Concurrent And Multiple Service Providers**

Enclosed are also:

X 153 Pages of Specification including an Abstract
X 86 Pages of Claims
X 136 Sheet(s) of Drawings
X A Declaration and Power of Attorney
X Form PTO 1595 and assignment of the invention to IBM Corporation
X Preliminary Amendment
X Statement Deleting Inventors

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Title **See 1 in Addendum**

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APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

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- Descriptive title of the Invention
 - Cross References to Related Applications
 - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
 - Reference to Microfiche Appendix
 - Background of the Invention
 - Brief Summary of the Invention
 - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
 - Detailed Description
 - Claim(s)
 - Abstract of the Disclosure
3. ☒ Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets **136**]
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5. ☐ Microfiche Computer Program (Appendix)
6. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission
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7. ☒ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
8. ☒ 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b) Statement ☒ Power of
(when there is an assignee) Attorney
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11. ☒ Preliminary Amendment
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Prior application information: Examiner **Unknown** Group / Art Unit: **2731**

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